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POLICY OFFICE

April 22nd, 2016

Montana Environmental Quality Council
PO Box 201704
Helena, MT 59620-1704

Re: Combined Notice: Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds (FONSI/NOI/RROF)

To whom it may concern:

Gallatin Gateway Water and Sewer District and Gallatin County have been awarded a CDBG Public and Community Facilities Grant from the Montana Department of Commerce. The purpose of the proposed action is to provide the community of Gallatin Gateway with a community wastewater system.

The purpose of this notice is to inform all interested parties that the Gallatin County Board of Commissioners will conduct a meeting on May 13th in order to make a decision regarding the issuance of a Request for Release of Funds (RROF) to the Montana Department of Commerce, CDBG Program. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Combined Notice: Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds (FONSI/NOI/RROF).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Nicquo.hope@gallatin.mt.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nicquo Hope", is written over a horizontal line.

Nicquo Hope
Grants Coordinator
Gallatin County Finance Department

**COMBINED NOTICE: FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and NOTICE TO PUBLIC
OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONSI/NOI/RROF)**

April 24th, 2016

Gallatin County
311 West Main, Rm 306
Bozeman, MT 59715

Telephone: 406-582-3000

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about May 13th, 2016, Gallatin County will request the Montana Department of Commerce (MDOC) to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383) for the following project: Gallatin Gateway Wastewater Project [Contract #MT-CDBG-12PF-02]

The purpose of the proposed action is to provide the community of Gallatin Gateway with a community wastewater system. The need for the project is: 1) to protect human health, safety and the environment; and 2) to support ongoing and future growth and development in the Gallatin Gateway community.

Location - Gallatin Gateway, Gallatin County, Montana

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, Gallatin County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows: A Consolidated Environmental Assessment was completed for the project. The report concluded that a request to the Montana Department of Commerce for release of funds for the project is not an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and no EIS is required. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) can be made.

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by Gallatin County. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of CDBG project funds.

Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Gallatin County to the Clerk and Recorder's Office; 311 West Main Rm 203, Bozeman, MT 59715 on or before May 9th, 2016. All such comments so

received will be considered and Gallatin County will not request release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

Gallatin County will undertake the project described above with CDBG funds provided by MDOC under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Gallatin County certifies to MDOC that Joe P. Skinner in his official capacity as Chairman of County Commission consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect on the certification is that upon its approval, Gallatin County may use the CDBG funds and DOC will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

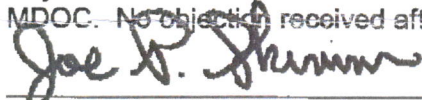
Objections to State Release of Funds

MDOC will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

- (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer approved by the Department of Commerce;
- (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process;
- (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DOC; or
- (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental design.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to: Montana Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 301 S. Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200523, Helena, Montana 59620-0523.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by MDOC. No objection received after May 30th, 2016 will be considered by MDOC.



Joe P. Skinner

Environmental Certifying Officer

Chairman, Gallatin County Commission

4/21/16

Date